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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN CHAD

1. MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ICRC HEADQUARTERS THAT IT WILL BE RECEIVING SHORTLY AN APPEAL TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT OF ICRC'S ON-GOING RELIEF PROGRAM IN CHAD. ICRC SOURCE STATED THAT, IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM CHADIAN GOVERNMENT, IT HAS LAUNCHED PROGRAM TO ASSIST 2,500 PRISONERS BEING HELD BY THE CHADIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT, FROLINAT, IN NORTHERN CHAD (SOURCE SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT PRISONERS REPRESENTED ROUGHLY ONE-QUARTER OF THE CHADIAN NATIONAL ARMY EFFECTIVES, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT VOUCH FOR THIS POINT).

2. IN RESPONSE TO CHAD'S REQUEST, ICRC HAS SENT 16 DELEGATES TO CHAD, INCLUDING TWO MEDICAL TEAMS AND AT LEAST ONE MOBILE TEAM, WHO ARE STATIONED AT FAYA LARGEAU, BARDAI, FADA, AND ZOUAR (PH). SOURCE STATED THAT, WHILE FUTURE EVENTS, AND RECENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHADIAN GOVERNMENT AND FROLINAT MIGHT AFFECT CURRENT PLANS, ICRC HAS SCHEDULED A MINIMUM THREE-MONTH PROGRAM TO VISIT AND PROVIDE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANCE FOR THESE PRISONERS, AND SOME OF THEIR FAMILIES. BUDGET FOR THE THREE-MONTHS, INCLUDING PROVISION OF MEDICAMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION, HAS BEEN SET AT 1.8 MILLION SWISS FRANCS.

3. MISSION WILL REPORT TO DEPARTMENT AND NDJAMENA WHEN ICRC APPEAL IS RECEIVED. MEANWHILE, NDJAMENA MAY WISH

TO COMMENT ON MERIT OF ICRC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR, IF IT
HAS ALREADY DONE SO, TO PROVIDE MISSION WITH COPY.
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